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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (November 16-23, 2008)

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¶1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

¶2. (U) During the November 16-23, 2008 reporting period, three security officials died in clashes in Agri and Diyarbakir Provinces on November 19. Thirteen security officials were injured, including nine in clashes and four caused by a landmine explosion in Karliova, Bingol Province on November 19. The total number of security force casualties for the year through November 15, 2008, was 140 killed and 247 injured.

¶3. (U) During the same period, nine PKK terrorists were killed in clashes. Six were captured and two surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of November, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 653, the number of those captured was 151, and the number of those who surrendered was ¶152.

¶4. (U) During the reporting period one civilian was killed and two were injured in a landmine explosion in Caldiran, Van Province on November 22. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of November, was 46 killed with another 250 wounded.

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